

Benjamin Debords Will

The last Will and Testament of Benjamin Debord of the
state of North Carolina, Robe County, I Benjamin Debord
^{the uncertainty} considering of this natural life and being of sound mind
and memory blessed to the Almighty God for the same do
make and publish this my last will and testament
in manner and form following, that is to say first I
give and bequeath unto my eldest son Jacob Debord
the upper end of my tract or tracts of land running to
a well known divisional line between him the
said Jacob Debord and Benjamin Debord his brother
I give and bequeath unto my son William Debord
the lower end of my tract or tracts of land running to
a well known divisional between him the said Will
am Debord and Benjamin Debord his brother, Item, I give
and bequeath unto my son Benjamin Debord the middle
part of my land including to the well known divisional
line above named. I also give and bequeath unto my son
Benjamin Debord all my dwelling houses, my barn and
stables and all other buildings and springs on this mid
middle part of my land. I give and bequeath unto my
three Daughters Jane Mary & Nancy all my personal
property to be divided equally between them which said
several legacies or sums I will and order to be paid to
the said respective legates after my decease. I further give
and devise to my three sons Jacob William and Benja
min Debord their heirs and assigns all the Lands above men
tioned, situate lying and being in the state and County affo
resaid to hold to them the said Jacob Debord William
Debord & Benjamin Debord, forever, and lastly my express
will and meaning is, and I do hereby order and appoint
that if any difference, disputed question or controversy shall
be moved arise or happen, concerning ^{any} gift, bequest, matter
or thing in my will given and bequeathed or expressed
contained, that there be suit or suits in law or Equity

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or otherwise shall be brought, commenced or prosecuted for and concerning the same, but the same shall be referred wholly to the award, order, and determination of my friends Ruben Debord and Benjamin Debord Jr. both of the state of North Carolina and County of Ashe and what they shall order direct or determine therein shall be binding and conclusive to every person or persons therein concerned hereby revoking all former wills by me made in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of October. in the year of our Lord 1857.

Benjamin Debord

Signed, published, and declared by the above named Benjamin Debord to be his last will and testament in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereunto
Ruben Debord
Benjamin Debord Jr.

It is known that I Benjamin Debord do give and bequeath unto my three sons to wit Jacob William & Benjamin the land above mentioned in my last will and testament, by them the said Jacob Debord William Debord & Benjamin Debord all of them jointly agreeing and binding themselves in this bond and contract attached to my last will and testament, the agreements are as follows, as the said Jacob Debord William Debord & Benjamin Debord doth hereby bind ourselves our heirs and he to maintain and support and supply and give unto Father and mother all the necessary things of this life, we also bind ourselves to bury Father and mother in order and decency, it is further understood that we Jacob Debord William Debord and Benjamin Debord are firmly bound to be equal in

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in supporting Father and Mother so long as they our Father and Mother live, and also by these presents, it is known and understood, that Father and Mother are to have and to hold, their right, sovereignty, and authority as they may require in their house and on their land as long as they our Father and Mother live and by these above named presents, at the decease of Father and Mother we Jacob Debord William Debord and Benjamin Debord, are to have the above named land and full of all other titles, claims, or demands, in writing whereof we Jacob Debord William Debord and Benjamin Debord have hereunto set our hands and seals this 7th day of October A.D. 1857.

Signed sealed and declared in the presence of
 of William Debord
 Benjamin Debord

Jacob Debord
 William Debord
 Benjamin Debord

August Term 1853.

This Will was duly
 acknowledged by Benjamin Debord
 in Open Court

Attest Gambill Clerk
 by John Way W.C.